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Immanuel Weekly News

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If you are new to Immanuel and would like to receive this newsletter by email each week, please email the address above and I will add you to the mailing list. Thanks, Ceri.

Thought for the week: "If you feel pain you are alive, if you feel other people's pain you are a human being" Leo Tolstoy

Service Thank you Stuart for leading worship this morning

Bible Readings: Proverbs 8 v1-4 and v22-31 John 16 v12-15

Chaplain on today: Anne Farrow

Chaplain next Sunday: Eddie Thomas

Robert is leading worship at Royal Wootton Bassett URC this morning

Pulpit Exchange: Sunday 19th will be the Old Town Partnership Pulpit Exchange. Robert will be at Bath Road; Mark will be at Christ Church and Norma McKemey will be here at Immanuel.

Please include in your prayers:

- May the Spirit of Love, Hope, Faith and Caring guide our steps
- Peace and Justice for the people of Ukraine and all places where there is war.
- For those who feel sad, lonely, or upset, that they may find assurance and love.
- Blood donors, who help save lives

From the **Memorial Book** in the Chapel – there are no entries this week.

Last Sunday's flowers were given to Helen Hancox, Brian Timbrell and Dorothy Hatton

If you know of anybody who might welcome some flowers as a reminder that we're thinking of them, please let us know.

Andrea Philips wanted you all to know that the ashes of **Bernard Philips** will be scattered at Littlecote House on Sunday 26th June. Bernard worked at Littlecote during restoration work in the 1970's and permission has been specially granted for this. It will be a private ceremony.

Amnesty: We resume, after a long pause, our support for people that Amnesty International ask us to remember and take action for. This time it is in Colombia. The link where you will find the information is as follows:

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/petition/colombia-investigate-the-murder-of-kevin-agudelo/>

rights violations and crimes under international law committed during Operation Siloé to ensure that this NEVER happens again.

Thamesdown Ladies Choir (TLC) will be presenting their first summer concert since 2019, 'Sisters in Song', here at Immanuel next Saturday, 18th June, at 7.30pm. During the concert the choir will be singing a selection of favourites from their extensive repertoire, including Moon River, The Rose, Catch a falling star and Alexander's Ragtime Band. The concert will also feature performances from members of Wroughton Silver Band and Liv Steinhardt, soprano, who won the Supreme Championship at the Swindon Music Festival earlier this year. Proceeds from the concert will be donated to the North Wilts Branch of the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Tickets are £10 including refreshments and can be obtained by emailing sing.tlchoir@gmail.com or by telephoning 07597 737234.

**Friends of Christ Church Annual Lecture "Wales to Westminster"
Thursday 16 June at 3pm in Christ Church**

The Friends are pleased to confirm that the Right Hon Sir Robert Buckland QC MP will be the guest speaker at the annual lecture.

All are welcome, there is no entry fee but donations towards the work in the Jubilee Memorial Garden would be appreciated.

Eco-church

In order to continue our Eco-church ambitions we will be providing you with some tips for more sustainable living each week in the Newsletter. You may find that you are already doing these things, in which case you can give yourself a pat on the back.

Tip 3) Take shorter showers

The average shower time is 8 minutes, cutting this by half could save 350kg CO2 per person per year. The same amount as a return flight from London to Milan.

I have a shower timer in my bathroom which runs for 4 minutes, it's helpful as you can get lost in reverie in the shower sometimes, and it reminds you to stop!